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1. JULY 13 EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS GAVE EXTREMELY HEAVY PLAY TO THE U.S. SENATE DECISION TO BAN AID TO OPIUM-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHICH FAIL TO PREVENT SMUGGLING. ALMOST EQUALLY HEAVY PLAY WAS GIVEN TO A STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT THAT AN AID CUT-OFF WOULD NOT CHANGE TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY (SEE REFTEL).

2. MANY PAPERS, INCLUDING HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN, AND LEFT-WING YENI ORTAM, DECLARED WITHOUT QUALIFICATION IN THEIR HEADLINES THAT THE SENATE HAD VOTED TO CUT AID TO TURKEY.

3. STORIES IN MOST PAPERS, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT THE
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ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED CUTTING AID TO TURKEY. ACCORDING

TO THE BANNER HEADLINE IN CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN: "AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: AID CANNOT BE CUT."

4. LIBERAL MILLIYET CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE MOST BALANCED COVERAGE OF THE SENATE ACTION. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET'S HEADLINE: "UMS. SENATE DECIDED TO CUT AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH FAIL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST SMUGGLING."

5. IN EDITORIALS AND COMMENT, MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI APPLAUDED THE SENATE'S ACTION IN MAKING THE AID CUT APPLICABLE ONLY TO COUNTRIES WHICH FAIL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST SMUGGLING. IPEKCI NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS REPEATEDLY ASSERTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PREVENT SMUGGLING AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THESE EFFORTS. BUT IPEKCI WARNED THAT WHILE TURKEY WOULD WELCOME COOPERATION, "THREATS AND PRESSURE" WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND COULD TURN TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP INTO TURKISH-AMERICAN ANIMOSITY.

6. IN OTHER COMMENT, HURRIYET DECLARED IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL THAT THE SENATE'S DECISION REFLECTED THE ATTITUDES OF THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE TURKEY DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES. THE PAPER WARNED THAT A CUT-OFF OF AID WOULD PUSH TURKEY OUT OF NATO. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTS THAT CORRESPONDING MEASURE IN THE HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES WITHDRAWN IN VIEW OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S OPPOSITION.

7. MILLIYET AND HURRIYET IN NEWS REPORTING CARRIED STATEMENTS BY SENATOR GOLDWATER, TOWER AND PERCY TO EFFECT THAT US SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES; TURKEY WILL BE PUSHED INTO LAP OF SOVIETS BY THIS DECISION.

8. ALL PAPERS REPORT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT WILL START TOUR OF COUNTRY JULY 15 OBSERVING MEASURES IN AFYON AND DENIZLI PROVINCES DURING START OF CULTIVATION.
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